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"THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY ANNOUNCES FOUR PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS AND TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, ACCORDING TO ELAINE MANLOVE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR."

"The Department of Elections for New Castle County will provide the public opportunities to observe testing of the voting systems that the Department uses as well as observe the preparation for tabulation and the tabulation of absentee ballots," according to Mrs. Manlove.

"The Department will conduct a public test on one or more voting machines programmed for the September 12, 2006, Primary Election at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Carvel State Office Building. The test will demonstrate that the machines properly tabulate votes. The public is invited to observe and participate in the test," according to Mrs. Manlove.

"The Department will perform the Logic and Accuracy Test on the system that will be used to tabulate absentee ballots for the September 12, 2006 Primary Election at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2006, in the Department's Offices, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Carvel State Office Building. The public is invited to observe and participate in the test," according to Mrs. Manlove.

"The Department will begin preparing absentee ballots cast for the Primary Election beginning at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006, in the Department's Offices, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Carvel State Office Building. The public is invited to observe this process," according to Mrs. Manlove..

"The Department will begin tabulating absentee ballots for the Primary Election beginning at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, in the Department's Offices, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Carvel State Office Building. The public is invited to observe this process." according to Mrs. Manlove.

"The Carvel State Office Building is located at 820 N French ST in Wilmington," according to Mrs. Manlove.